

HIS
MAJESTIES
MESSAGE

Concerning Licences granted
to persons going into IRELAND.

And the ANSWER of the House of
COMMONS.

With His Majesties Reply to the House of
COMMONS Answer.



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**His Majesties Message sent to the
House of Commons, concerning Licences
granted by His Majestie to several persons to
passe into Ireland.**

His Majesty taking notice of a Speech, pretending in
the Title to have beene delivered by Master *J. W.* in
the *3rd* Conference, and printed by Order of the House
of Commons, in which it is affirmed, That since the Rise
upon the Ports against all Irish Papists, by both Houses,
many of the chief Commanders, now in the head of the
Rebels, have beene suffered to passe by His Majesties imme-
diate Warrants; And being very careful of having used ex-
treame caution in the granting of Passports into Ireland;
So that He conceives, either this Paper not to have beene so
delivered and printed as it pretends, or the House to have
received some mis-information.

His Majestie would be resolved, Whether this Speech
were so delivered and printed; and if it were, would give
this House to review upon what Informations that parti-
cular was grounded; that either that may be found upon
re-examination to have beene false; and both this House and
His Majestie injured by it; or that His Majestie may know
by what means, and by whose fault, His Authority hath
been so highly abused, as to be made to conduce to the in-
crease of that Rebellion, which He so much detests and
abhors; and that He may see Himselfe fully vindicated from
all reflections of the least suspicion of that kind.

The Answer of the House of Commons.

YOur Majesties most loyall and faithfull Subjects, the Commons, now assembled in Parliament, have taken into their serious consideration the Message received from Your Majestie the seventh of this instant *February*, and doe acknowledge that the Speech therein mentioned to be delivered by Master *Pym* in a conference, was printed by their Order; and that what was therein delivered, was agreeable to the sense of the House. And touching that passage wherein it is affirmed, That since the stop upon the Ports against all *Irish* Papists by both Houses, many of the chiefe Commanders now in the head of the Rebels, have beene suffered to passe by Your Majesties immediate Warrant, They present Your Majestie with this their humble Answer.

That they have received divers advertisements concerning the severall persons, *Irish* Papists And others, which have obtained your Majesties immediate Warrants for their passing into *Ireland* since the Order of Restraint of both Houses; some of which (as they have been informed) since their comming into *Ireland*, have joyned with the Rebels, and beene Commanders amongst them; and some others have beene staid and are yet in safe custody, particularly the Lord *Delvin*, and foure other persons in his company, whereof one is thought to be a Priest: One Colonell *Butler* brother to the Lord *Minyat*, now in Rebellion, and Sir *George Hamilton*, all which are Papists: and one other (as is reported) being sonne of the Lord *Muttonfield*, whose father and brother are both in Rebellion. The particular names of others we have not yet received, but doubt not but upon examination they may be discovered.

And Your Majesties most faithfull Subjects are very for-

ry. That the extreme caution which Your Majestie hath used, hath been so ill seconded, with the diligence and faithfulness of Your Ministers; and that Your Royall Authority should be so highly abused. Although, as it was expressed in that Speech by Master *Pym*, we beleeve it was by the procurement of some evill Instruments too neare Your Royall Person, without Your Majesties Knowledge and Intention. And we beseech Your Majestie to take such course, That not onely Your Honour may be vindicated for the time passed, but Your Kingdome may be secured from the like mischiefe for the time to come.

His Majesties Reply to the House of Commons Answer,
concerning Licences granted by the King to persons
to goe into IRELAND

AS His Majestie hath expressed a great desire to give His House of Commons all possible satisfaction to all their just requests, and a readinesse to rectifie or retract any thing done by Himselfe, which might seeme to trench upon their Priviledges by any mistake of His, so He doubts not they will be ready upon all occasions to manifest an equall tendernes and regard of His Majesties Honour and Reputation with His good Subjects; and therefore His Majestie expects they should review His Message of the seventh of this Moneth, concerning a passage in Master *Pym*s Speech, and their Answer sent to His Majestie by some of their Members on the tenth of the same, with which His Majestie can by no meanes rest satisfied.

His Majesties Exception in that Message was, that it was affirmed in that Speech, That since the stop upon the Ports

against all Irish Papists, by both Houses; many of the chief Commanders now in the head of the Rebels, have been suffered to passe by his Majesties immediate Warrant.

That the Speech mentioned in that Message to be delivered by Master *Pyot*, was printed by their Order, and that which was therein delivered was agreeable to the sense of the House: that they have received diversall advertisements concerning severall persons, Irish Papists and other, who have obtained his Majesties immediate Warrant for their passing into *Ireland*, since the Order of Restraint of both Houses, some of which, they have been informed, since their comming into *Ireland*, have joyned with the Rebels, and been Commanders amongst them.

His Majesty is most assured, that no such person hath passed by his Warrant or privy, and then he desires his House of Commons to consider, whether such a generall information and advertisement (in which there is not so much as the name of any particular person mentioned) be ground enough for such a direct and positive affirmation, as is made in that Speech, which in respect of the place and person, and being so well acknowledged to be agreeable to the sense of the House, is of that authority that his Majesty may suffer in the affections of many of his good Subjects, and fall under a possible construction (considering many scandalous Pamphlets to such a purpose) of not being sensible enough of that Rebellion, so horrid and odious to all Christians, by which, in this distraction, such a danger might possibly ensue to his Majesties person and estate, as he is well assured his House of Commons will use their utmost endeavours to prevent. And therefore his Majesty thinks it very necessary, and expects that they name those persons, who by his Majesties li-

cence have passed into *Ireland*, and are now there in the head of the Rebels; or that if upon their re-examination they do not finde particular evidence to prove that assertion (as his Majesty is confident they never can) as this affirmation which may reflect upon his Majesty, is very publike, so they will publish such a Declaration whereby that mistake may be discovered; his Majesty being the more tender of that particular; which hath reference to *Ireland*, as being most assured that he hath been, and is, from his soul, resolved to discharge his duty (which God will require at his hands) for relief of his poor Protestant Subjects there, and the utter rooting out of that Rebellion; so that service hath not suffered any, but necessary delays by any act of his Majesties, for the want of any thing proposed to his Majesty, or within his Majesties power to do.

For the persons named in the Answer, his Majesty hath, than Colonel *Burke*, and the son of the Lord *Remersfeld*, obtained his Warrants for their passage into *Ireland*, at his Majesties being in *Scotland*, which was long (as his Majesty thinks) before the Order of both Houses. His Majesty knowing the former of them to be one who hath alwayes made professions to his service, and to be uncle to the Earle of *Ormond*, of whose affection to the Protestant Religion, and his Majesties service, his Majesty hath great cause to be assured; and the latter being a person of whom, at that time, there was no suspicion to his Majesties knowledge. For the other, it may be they have obtained Warrants from his Majesty since the said Order, but his Majesty assures the Parliament that he had no intimation of such an Order, till after they made of Sir *George Hamilton*, who was the last that had any licence from his Majesty to passe for *Ireland*.

And his Majesty having since this answer from the House of Commons used all possible means, by the examining his

his own memory, and the notes of his Secretaries, to finde what Warrants have been granted by him, and to what persons, doth not finde, that he hath granted any to any Irish, but those who are named by the House of Commons, and in December last to the Earle of *S. Albans*, and to two of his servants, and to one *Walter Terrell* a poor man, they being such as his Majesty is assured are not with the Rebels, and much lesse chief Commanders over them. And though it may be, the persons named by the House of Commons are Papists, yet his Majesty at that time thought it not fit, in respect of their Alliance in that Kingdom, to such persons of great power, of whom his Majesty hoped well, to discover any suspicion of them, the Lords Justices having declared by their Letters (which Letters were not disapproved of by the Parliament here), that they were so farre from owning a publique jealousy of all Papists there, that they had thought fit to put Armes into the hands of divers Noblemen of the Pale of that Religion, who made profession to his Majesties service, and desired the same. And since so great a trust reposed in some of the Lords of that Religion was not disapproved by the Parliament here, his Majesty could not imagine it unsafe or unfit for him to give Licences to some few to passe into that Kingdom, who, though Papists, professed due Allegiance and Loyalty to his Majesty.

And therefore, unless the first affirmation of the House of Commons can be made good by some particulars, his Majesty doth not know, that his Ministers have failed in their diligence and faithfulness to his Majesty in this point, or that his Honour hath suffered so much by any Act of his own, as that it needs be vindicated for the time past by any other way than such a Declaration which he expects from this House, as in duty and justice due to his Majesty.

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